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2. Mongoose Actions

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12/4
[10 teams (3-7)
to date
- 30 sent in
- 12 still active
- 3 teams rolled up
- 1 team in [unclear]
delivered
reshined up 200 Cuba]

Status: 3 teams (2- to 5-man) en route by small craft. 6 teams by submarine, starting tomorrow. One more team being readied to go in by small craft. 10 more teams being readied to go by submarine shortly. One team now in Oriente and one team in Pinar del Rio. All teams have W/T, arms, explosives.

b. Cuban-owned shipping (22 ships). Sink in Cuban or Bloc ports, or high seas. Sabotage cargoes. Make crews inoperative.

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c. Propaganda delivered to Cuba by balloon from ship.

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